

## ARBOR MONTH PROCLAMATION

Council Sponsors: Councilors Darcy DuMont and Sarah Swartz

Community Sponsor: Public Shade Tree Committee

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees and this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees capture carbon and other greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, produce oxygen for us to breathe, reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees can increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees can provide a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Amherst has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for thirty-two years.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, The Town Council of the Town of Amherst, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

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in the Town of Amherst, and we urge all residents to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to support our Town's urban forestry program.

VOTED AND DATED this 12th day of April 2021.

J. Lynn Griesemer, President, Amherst Town Council

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